



**DESIGNER CERTIFICATION**  
**(Foundation-Only)**

Upon issuance of the Foundation-Only permit, construction may proceed in accordance with the drawings submitted for this portion of the work. The drawings and/or calculations have not been reviewed for compliance. The Building Inspector will verify the work shown on these drawings has been installed/constructed per the drawings and, if so, shall indicate approval. This "approval" does not indicate the work is in compliance with the applicable codes, but only that the work was in substantial conformance with the submitted drawings. The permittee will, without expense to the County of Kern, remove, replace, or make modifications or alternations to said foundations and any incidental work (plumbing, mechanical, electrical) as determined necessary during the plan review.

**Work authorized by the Foundation-Only permit is limited to work up to the ground floor. There shall be no walls or structures above the ground floor. Work done above the ground floor prior to issuance of the building permit is a violation and may result in a penalty equal to the amount of the permit fees and/or other disciplinary action. See attached Building Policy 16-A for additional requirements.**

I hereby certify that the attached plans, engineering calculations, diagrams, and other data submitted were prepared by me or under my supervision, and that the above documents are of sufficient clarity to indicate the location, nature, and extent of the work proposed and show in detail that all work will conform to all relevant laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.

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|  | <u>Yes</u>               | <u>No</u>                |
| 1. Will construction activity result in the disturbance of one acre or more of total land area?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If "yes," complete and attach the "Applicability of NPDES Storm Water Program" form.   |                          |                          |
| 2. Is construction activity <1 acre?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If "Yes", please provide Site Development Plan in compliance with California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen) requirements (Sec. 4.106 or 5.106, whichever applies). |                          |                          |

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 Permit Number  
**Engineer**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Project Address  
**Permittee**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name

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 Printed Name

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 Signature

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 Date

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 Date

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 Registration Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date

**Owner**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

For office use only Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____
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Engineer's Seal

**This form must contain both the signature and stamp of the professional Engineer. By stamping and signing this form, the engineer certifies all applicable codes, requirements and standards have been complied with, and that this form has not been modified.**



## Building Policy 16-A

**Subject: Foundation-Only Permits**  
**Code: 2019 California Building Code**

**Date: January 1, 2020**

To facilitate construction of nonresidential buildings, the Department may, at its discretion, issue a foundation-only permit prior to approval of the building permit. It is first necessary for the applicant to apply for the building permit and submit all required construction documents for review. Upon completion of the review, if there are no outstanding items that involve the building's foundation or underfloor utilities, it may be desirable for the applicant to then apply for a foundation-only permit in order to commence construction while the building permit is being finalized.

**This Department does not issue foundation-only permits prior to reviewing construction documents for the building.** The Building Official may issue a foundation-only permit after the plans for the building permit have been reviewed and deemed sufficient to allow construction of the foundation, including underfloor utilities. A separate foundation-only permit is required and construction documents related to the foundation, underfloor plumbing, etc., shall be submitted.

Prior to issuance of a foundation-only permit for any project, approval is necessary from various departments and divisions, including, but not limited to, Planning and Natural Resources, Fire, Environmental Health, Drainage/Flood, etc. The Design Professional in Responsible Charge shall also complete and submit the required designer-certification form provided by this office at the time of the foundation-only permit application.

No work above the foundation or building slab will be authorized under a foundation-only permit. Any construction performed prior to permit issuance, or any construction above the foundation if only a foundation-only permit has been issued may result in a stop-work notice and all work shall immediately cease until after issuance of the main building permit. Penalty fees equal to the building permit fees must also be paid in accordance with the adopted fee schedule if any work is done without an approved permit. Any person, firm, or corporation violating or abusing the foundation-only permit process will be denied foundation-only permits in the future when determined by the building official.